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A Regina police officer in a cruiser watches the property where a man was shot dead on Williams Street in the city's northwest end. The shooting is Regina's third homicide of the year. Inset: Police Chief Troy Hagen speaks to media about the incident. SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

Police probe shooting that left man dead

City's third homicide of 2014. Two others taken to hospital with gunshot wounds after man's body discovered in Williams Street house

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Police are probing Regina's third homicide of the year after a man was killed and two others were injured in a shooting on Tuesday night on a residential street in the northwest end.

City officers responded to a call at 609 Williams St. around 8:45 p.m. and discovered the man's body in a house.

Officers found two other men suffering gunshot wounds. Both were taken to hospital, where one remains critically injured, while the other is in serious but stable condition.

Hagen said investigators have yet to pinpoint a suspect, though he suggested that there could be more than one. He did not speculate on a possible motive.

The chief added that investigators haven't been able to interview the victims while they're recovering.

"The victims are being treated as witnesses, to the best of our knowledge," Hagen said.

"We haven't been able to speak to them in a meaningful way yet, as their health and recovery comes first."

Hagen was unable to confirm whether the deceased man or the hospitalized victims live at the house.

Police continued to cordon off the home and a neighbouring bungalow as members of their major crimes unit probed the scene.

The deceased man's name has not been made public. The kind of firearm used has yet to be identified.

Police are asking anyone with information on the incident to contact them at 306-777-6500 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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"We're all saddened every time there's a loss of life in our community, especially if it's through violence."

Police Chief Troy Hagen

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Sask. Party may run on liquor reform

2016 election. Premier says he would want to see strong support via public consultation

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Premier Brad Wall says his government could move forward with changes to Saskatchewan's liquor laws — including privatizing provincially owned stores — if he receives a clear mandate to do so from voters in the next general election.

The opposition New Democrats, however, charge that the premier is waffling on the future of Crown liquor stores. And they accuse him of leaning toward a "privatization agenda."

Wall's comments came after he told a Regina radio program on Tuesday that the Saskatchewan Party's platform for the next election in 2016 might include a plan to change the province's liquor regulatory scheme if substantial support is identified through consultations with voters.

"I'm going to ask our MLAs this summer to be listening to the Saskatchewan people about what they want in terms of the future (of) liquor sales," Wall told reporters on Wednesday, adding that he wants to "find out if people are interested in ... more private stores, and if we get a sense of that's the case, we may possibly campaign on that in the next election."

Wall claims that all options are on the table, including maintaining the status quo in which Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority retail outlets co-exist with private-sector counterparts.

Cathy Sproule, NDP critic for the SLGA, wants the premier to be more forthright with what he has planned.

"We're not even really sure of what his plan is because he just seems so tentative," Sproule said, adding that Wall's comments suggest he is leaning toward privatization.

Is this bear dreaming of electric sheep?

Talk about an uncomfortable spot for a snooze. A black bear north of Shellbrook, about 140 kilometres northeast of Saskatoon, took a nap atop a SaskPower pole last Friday after escaping from a pair of dogs. According to SaskPower spokesman Tyler Hopson, a customer alerted the company to the animal. The bear got down safely, Hopson said, "and didn't do any damage to the pole or cause any sort of power outage." Hopson noted that the nap could have ended poorly for the bear and surrounding service areas. COURTESY SASKPOWER

Big health regions miss goal for surgery waits

Saskatchewan says the number of patients waiting more than three months for surgery is down 75 per cent since 2010, but there are still delays in the two biggest health regions.

Health Minister Dustin Duncan said there were nearly 12,000 fewer patients waiting that long for surgery this past March than in March 2010. He says between January and March of this year, nearly 81 per cent of patients had their surgery within three months of being referred.

"The progress has been nothing short of remarkable in four years," Duncan said on Wednesday.

The province said pooling referrals has shortened the time patients wait to see a specialist. That means patients have the option of seeing the first available specialist or waiting to see a specialist they prefer.

There has also been more use of private clinics.

The numbers are in a report on the final year of a four-year initiative in which the government promised that no one would have to wait longer than 12 weeks for surgery by March 2014.

However, the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region has said it will need another year to meet the goal, and the Saskatoon Health Region said it will take until late this year to hit the target.

"It's a little bit disappointing that Regina and Saskatoon didn't meet the three-months (target) by March of 2014," Duncan said.

Duncan says the next step is maintenance.

"I think this will have been a lost opportunity if we see the system backsliding," he said.

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Crime

Second arrest made in slaying of ATM technician

RCMP in Saskatchewan have made a second arrest in the slaying of an ATM technician more than four years ago.

Roger Byer, 57, was last seen on Jan. 20, 2010, in Melfort, where he was working on an automated-teller machine.

His body was found in April 2010 at an abandoned farm yard between Yellow Creek and Mescanaw. An autopsy determined that his death was a homicide.

A suspect was charged last week with first-degree murder, and another man has since been arrested.

Dwight Windrum of Moose Jaw faces charges of accessory after the fact to murder and weapons trafficking.

Windrum, 56, appeared in court in Saskatoon on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Daniel Smith, 57, appeared in provincial court in Melfort on the murder charge. The case was put over to June 24.

Earlier this month, police asked the public for help in finding a black, heavy-duty work truck that was in the rural area where Byer had disappeared.

Mounties said the vehicle has been seized and is considered evidence.

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Strategy

Salvation Army shares vision for next five years

The Salvation Army has released a five-year strategic plan to improve its services in Regina.

"The Salvation Army strategic plan reaffirms our commitment to the people in the city of Regina," Mike Hoeft, area commander, said on Wednesday at a downtown hotel.

"It builds on our long history of serving its citizens."

The plan focuses on areas such as strengthening support for marginalized families, improving help for those in need of affordable housing, increasing awareness of the Salvation Army congregation, and developing opportunities with other social agencies and the government.

The organization, which has served Regina since 1895, has planned to launch several initiatives over the coming years. They include improving partnerships with other homelessness groups, engaging landlords with clients seeking affordable housing, and exploring its role with at-risk youth and shelters.

SARAH TAGUIAM/METRO

Newly annexed residents up for tax exemptions

Agreement. People 'should not be paying City of Regina taxes because they will not receive city services for a number of years': Mayor

Some property owners recently annexed into Regina's municipal boundaries won't be subject to the entirety of the city's property-tax rate for the next 15 years as part of a newly approved tax mitigation agreement.

City hall has signed off on a plan allowing owners of newly annexed lands to pay the property tax rate they would have faced in the jurisdiction of the Rural Municipality of Sherwood, at least until their surrounding areas are developed and their properties receive Regina services.

"Land that will not be developed for a number of years should not be paying City of Regina taxes because they will not receive city services for a number of years," Mayor Michael Fougere told Metro.

The potential 15-year exemption would apply only to lands slated to be developed after Regina's population exceeds 300,000.

City council, though, can grant property-tax exemptions only for up to five years. Therefore, it will be up to subsequent councils to decide whether to extend the agreement.

Owners of annexed properties that the city intends to service in the near future will also receive a partial tax exemption, though only for the next five years.

Owners of developed commercial lands near Victoria and Dewdney avenues will face a five-year phase-in period to transition from RM rates to the city's commercial-tax level.

"This year, they would keep their taxes if they were in the RM of Sherwood," Fougere explained.

"There would be a 20 per cent increase each year after that for the five years."

The city has gained control of lands east, west, northwest and southwest of its boundaries as part of Regina's annexation agreement with Sherwood last year. MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Cops show how it's done

Courthouse deputy Sheriff Rick Hoolaeff demonstrates handcuffs to two young students at the Regina Police Showcase at the Brandt Centre on Wednesday. The annual event involving city police officers and equipment, and those of other police agencies, is held to educate the public about the organizations' tasks and operations.

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Cancer survivor Caitlin Jones was an avid indoor tanner until she discovered at age 23 that a spot on her forehead was basel cell carcinoma. CHRIS YOUNG/CANADIAN PRESS

The potential dark cloud to skin exposure

Skin cancer.
Though the incidences of some cancers are declining, melanoma cases are on the rise

Ian Anderson is one of the 2.5 per cent.

After his first diagnosis of melanoma, the Brampton, Ont., man was told that without immediate treatment he would be dead within two months. After his second, he was informed that if 100 people were in his shoes, 97.5 would not make it to the five-year mark, the standard measuring stick for beating a cancer.

Nineteen years after the second occurrence, Anderson, now 56, is still around to tell the tale — in his ever-present hat and sunscreen, which he slathers on religiously.

"I'm living proof that it can happen," says Anderson, who now counsels people diagnosed with melanoma.

Anderson's story is one of optimism — but also of reality. While he's living proof some lucky people can survive Stage 4 melanoma, he is also confirmation that people who don't take sun precautions can develop the more-often deadly disease.

Another survivor, Caitlin Jones, was an avid indoor tanner — until she discovered at age 23 that a spot on her forehead just below her hair line was basel cell carcinoma, which comprises about four out of five non-melanoma skin cancers.

Jones had surgery to remove a quarter-sized piece of skin to excise the cancer — a procedure that altered her view on tanning. She notes that around the same time some of her friends' parents were also dealing with skin cancers.

The Canadian Cancer Society worries that more people will hear the kinds of frightening diagnoses Anderson and Jones did in the future. That's because skin cancers — particularly the most deadly kind, melanoma — are the most common kinds of cancers in Canada. And whereas the incidences of some cancers are actually going down, melanoma cases are on the rise, in both women and men.

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By the numbers

Some estimates about cancer in Canada this year:

- **6,500.** Number of new melanoma cases. Of those, 1,050 Canadians will die from this form of cancer.
- **191,300.** Number of new overall cancer diagnoses. Of those, 76,600 Canadians will die from some sort of cancer.

Lower IQ in children linked to common household chemicals

Researchers in B.C. say lower IQ and greater hyperactivity in young children appears to be significantly linked to a woman's exposure to flame retardants during early pregnancy.

The Simon Fraser University study found there's an association between women being exposed to a 10-fold increase of certain chemicals when their baby's brain is developing and a 4.5-point drop in the standard measure of intelligence.

The chemicals of concern are polybrominated diphenyl ethers, known as PBDEs, which have been widely used to prevent the spread of fire in furniture, carpet padding and car seats.

Researcher and health sciences Prof. Bruce Lanphear says North Americans are likely exposed to higher amounts of PBDEs than people in other parts of the world, and it could take decades to flush the chemicals from their environments.

The study suggests the impact of the chemicals is comparable to exposure to lead, which was once used in various products including paint and pipes in homes and offices.

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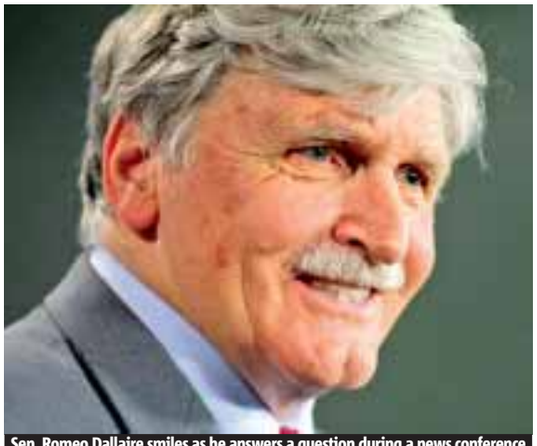
Sen. Dallaire resigning to focus on humanitarian work

'An extraordinary Canadian.' Former UN commander in Rwanda will serve last day in the upper chamber on June 17



Sen. Romeo Dallaire smiles as he answers a question during a news conference on Parliament Hill Wednesday in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal Sen. Romeo Dallaire, a career soldier best known in Canada as the former commander of the UN's ill-fated peacekeeping mission in Rwanda, is resigning — not retiring, he insists — from the upper chamber.

Dallaire's last day in the Senate will be June 17, after which he intends to focus attention on a growing portfolio of international humanitarian work, the square-jawed senator told a news conference Wednesday.

The decision has nothing to do with either the shadow of scandal that has loomed over the Senate for more than a year, or with the Rwandan-born post-traumatic stress disorder that has haunted him for 20 years, he said.

Rather, the 68-year-old Dallaire said he felt there simply wasn't enough time in his schedule to be a senator while also pursuing causes close to his heart that are related to defence and human rights in the international arena.

"I have an awful lot of work ahead of me, and it was important for me to leave at this point."

Dallaire said resigning has left him with a "torn heart" because his nine years in the Senate allowed him to champion issues including veterans and their families, a strong military to help ensure global peace, anti-terrorism, aboriginal rights and better intelligence oversight.

"I think it was a very useful instrument for me to advance things I believe in," he said.

While Dallaire's news came as a surprise, it was quickly followed by glowing praise from all political quarters.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper thanked the senator via Twitter for his service, Conservative Sen. Hugh Segal said he was "devastated" to hear of his colleague's decision and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair called Dallaire "an extraordinary Canadian."

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1928-2014. Maya Angelou, beloved poet, author and activist, dead at 86

Maya Angelou in 2005 REED SAXON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maya Angelou, a modern Renaissance woman who survived the harshest of childhoods to become a force on stage, screen, the printed page and the inaugural dais, died Wednesday, her son said. She was 86.

Angelou's son, Guy B. Johnson, said the writer died at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C., where she had been a professor of American studies at Wake Forest University since 1982.

Tall and regal, with a deep, majestic voice, Angelou defied all probability and category, becoming one of the first black women to enjoy mainstream success as an author and thriving in virtually every artistic medium.

The young single mother who worked at strip clubs to earn a living later wrote and recited the most popular presidential inaugural poem in history.

The childhood victim of rape wrote a million-selling memoir, befriended Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King, and performed on stages around the world.

An actress, singer and dancer in the 1950s and 1960s, she broke through as an author in 1970 with I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, which became standard (and occasionally censored) reading.

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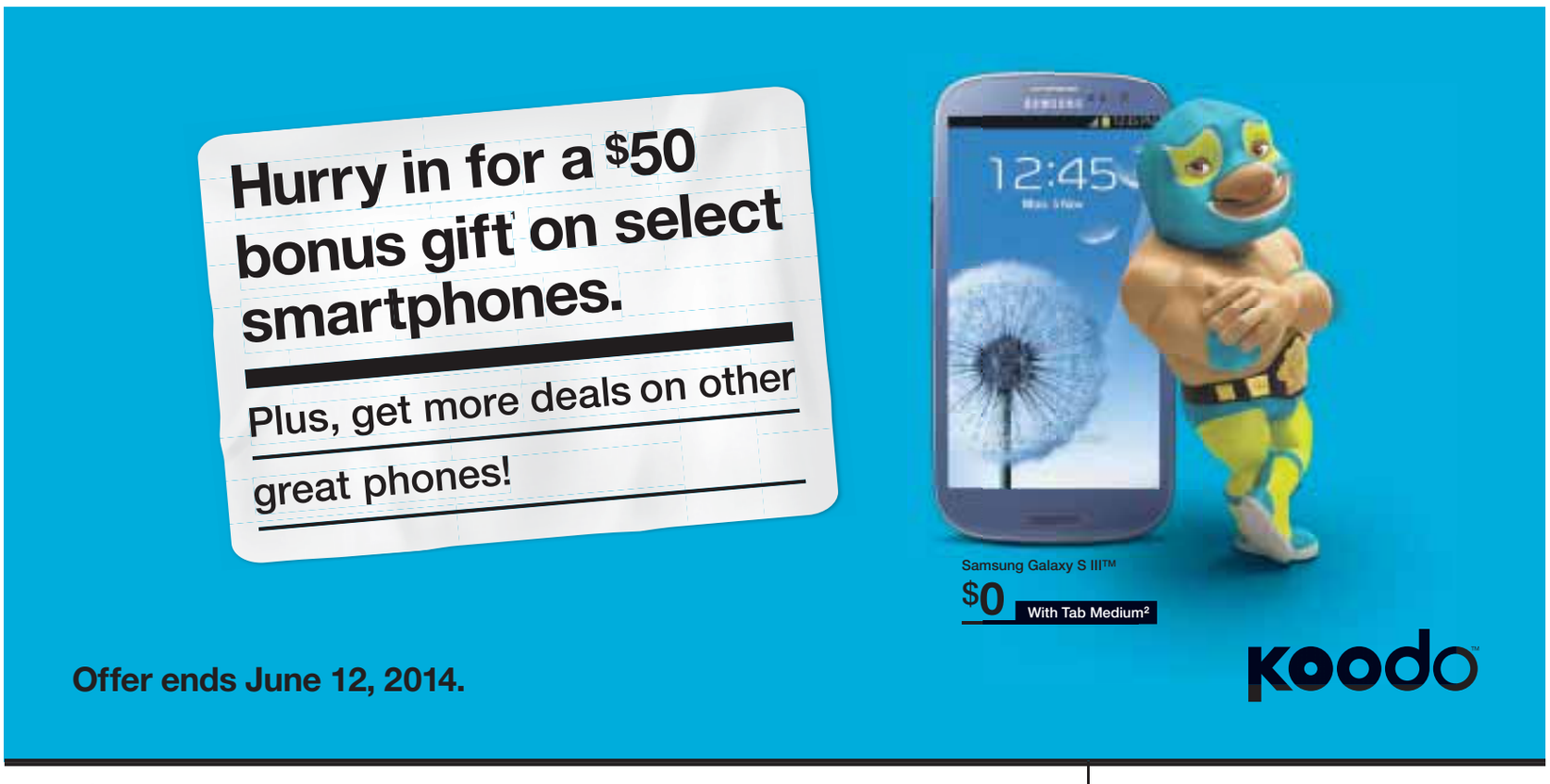
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Climate change

Greenpeace, WWF take aim at energy industry

Environmental groups have fired legal warning shots at major energy companies over their alleged role in funding climate change denial and blocking climate-friendly legislation.

Greenpeace and the World Wildlife Fund have sent letters to international and Canadian companies asking how they manage public communication on climate change.

They say spreading misinformation could leave company officers open to legal liability.

Keith Stewart of Greenpeace Canada says the letters are the first step in a long-term campaign to use the law to prevent the energy industry from delaying action on climate change.

The letter has been sent to five Canadian companies: Suncor, Talisman Energy, Husky Energy, EnCana and Canadian Natural Resources. THE CANADIAN PRESS

‘Canada has delivered,’ says UN Children’s Fund chief

Maternal health summit. UNICEF head lauds courage of Nigerian schoolgirls as conference opens

Sara Schulz, who is eight months pregnant and World Vision’s child health policy adviser, helps to set up a striking display in Toronto, Wednesday, to urge world leaders to focus on the millions of “invisible” children and women who die each year of preventable causes. WORLD VISION CANADA/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Efforts to improve the health of newborns and their mothers in poor countries must also include protecting them from violence, such as the terror caused by Boko Haram in Nigeria, says the head of the UN Children’s Fund.

UNICEF chief Anthony Lake offered that assessment in an interview Wednesday with The Canadian Press prior to the opening of Stephen Harper’s international conference on maternal, newborn and child health.

Lake lauded the prime minister’s leadership in helping children and mothers in developing countries as he heaped praise on the courage of the teenage girls kidnapped by Boko Haram in northern Nigeria.

He said he would raise his concerns about child protection in a private meeting later Wednesday with Harper’s international development minister, Christian Paradis.

As for Harper, Lake said: “He has led the way on this and Canada has delivered and is delivering, again 80 per cent of its commitment at Muskoka.”

Harper unveiled the Muskoka Initiative at the G8 summit Canada hosted in 2010, and it has become the government’s signature development priority.

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Threat to girls’ education

Kidnapping highlights larger issue

The Boko Haram kidnapping was on the minds of many at the three-day summit on maternal and child health.

Anthony Lake, head of the UN Children’s Fund, said the Nigerian kidnapping draws attention to one of the underlying causes of the health threats faced by young mothers and girls in impoverished, war-torn countries: the importance of overcoming the threat to girls’ education posed by militant groups.

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The robots *are* taking over ... the driving of cars

Stranger than science fiction. Sorry, no flying cars or transporters just yet, but Google speeds ahead with a pretty cool self-driving car prototype

Google will build a car without a steering wheel.

It doesn't need one because it drives itself.

The two-seater won't be sold publicly, but Google said Tuesday it hopes by this time next year, 100 prototypes will be on public roads. Though not driving very quickly — the top speed would be 25 miles per hour.

The cars are a natural next step for Google, which already has driven hundreds of thousands of miles in California with Lexus SUVs and Toyota Priuses outfitted with a combination of sensors and computers.

Those cars have Google-employed "safety drivers" behind the wheel in case of emergency. The new cars would eliminate the driver from the task of driving.

No steering wheel, no brake and gas pedals. Instead, buttons for go and stop.

"It reminded me of catching a chairlift by yourself, a bit of solitude I found really enjoyable," Sergey Brin, co-founder of Google, told a Southern California tech conference Tuesday evening of his first ride, according to a transcript.

The electric-powered car is compact and bubble-shaped — something that might move people around a corporate campus or congested downtown.

Google is unlikely to go deeply into auto manufacturing. In unveiling the prototype, the company emphasized partnering with other firms.

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The future is now. Here is a very early version of Google's prototype self-driving car. GOOGLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yahoo killed the YouTube star? Marissa Mayer takes on her old employer

Yahoo is planning a YouTube rival. Due to launch this summer, the new video site will focus on attracting content creators through a greater potential to earn money.

According to Ad Age, the rival service is not only at an advanced stage of development, it had been scheduled to launch in April. However, the big reveal is being pushed back while contractual issues are addressed.

Yahoo's CEO, Marissa Mayer, used to be an executive at Google-owned YouTube.

While YouTube is by far the biggest video-sharing site Yahoo believes that it can attract producers and creators by offering a better split of advertising revenue. AFP

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Valeant Pharmaceuticals

Quebec company ups its bid price for Botox maker

Valeant Pharmaceuticals increased its hostile offer to buy Botox-maker Allergan on Wednesday and threatened to bypass the board by taking it directly to shareholders.

However, analysts suggested Valeant may have to raise its offer again.

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Recycling for condos and apartments
Recycling is coming soon for all residents who live in condos and apartments and don't have recycling service. Paper, plastics #1-7, glass and tin will be accepted.

Property owners and condo associations will be required to arrange for recycling service by January 1, 2015. If you do not have recycling service yet, please follow up with your landlord or condo association to find out when your collection will begin.

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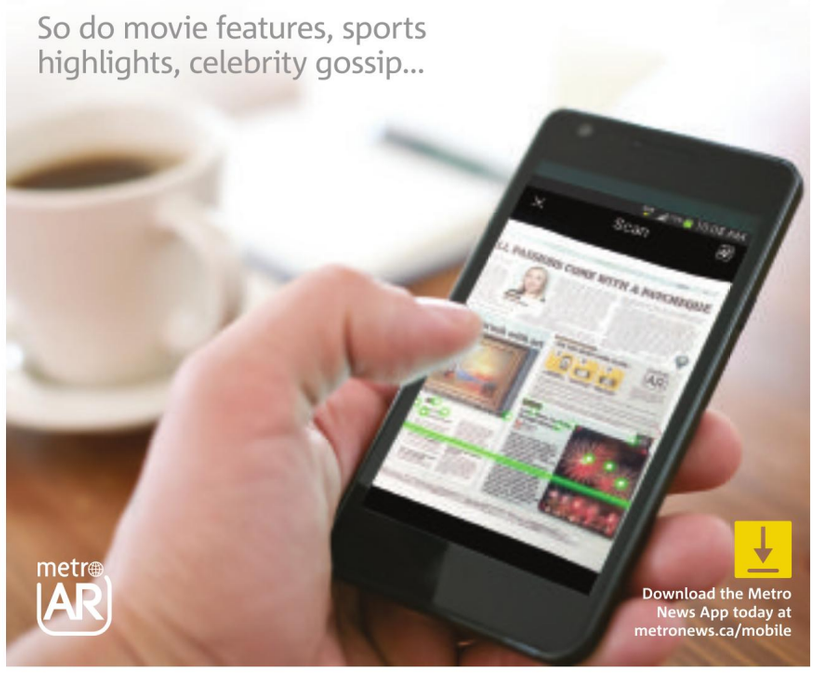

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WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD?

HE SAYS

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Is the world getting better or worse?

It's a question that's been debated for decades by a diverse array of middle-aged white men with post-secondary educations. Happy that my people are getting a voice, I've given the issue a lot of thought myself.

I'm torn. On one hand, the world sucks; on the other, it sucks to a lesser magnitude than any time since the Space Odyssey monolith taught us how to brain our fellow monkeys.

The world feels like it's getting worse, but that's just human nature. It's the same phenomenon that allows us to believe that every generation but our own is the one destroying the Earth.

When we were young, we convinced ourselves that our generation was the most hard-done-by ever, which is why the peace and prosperity of the early 1990s still managed to produce teens sulking to Nirvana and Smashing Pumpkins. Then we got older and convinced ourselves that young people were out of control. I'm reaching the age where friends talk about "the teens on the bus" or "the kids at the mall" as if they are a consolidated trade union with the united goal of making life miserable for normal people. Whether we blame the selfish baby boomers or the irresponsible youth, everyone thinks the world is spinning out of control. But what is the reality?

Here are some of the key arguments when weighing Louis Armstrong's "What a wonderful world" against the Wicked Witch of the West's "Oh what a world!"

Resolved — the world is getting better

Pro:

*The intertwined world economy means it's rare for two countries with McDonald's to go to war, most likely because people are too winded to lift their weapons and too big to wedge themselves into their tank holes.

* Thanks to the miracle of the Internet, literally anyone with a minor rash can spend a few minutes online and confidently diagnose themselves with cancer.

* Game of Thrones is so awesome right now.

* Previously intractable problems such as extreme poverty can now be solved with a clever hashtag.

* The world is united as never before thanks to its shared hatred of Kim and Kanye.

Con:

* While countries with McDonald's rarely fight each other, hundreds of thousands have died in the Denny's Wars.

* "Statisticians" will try to tell you that life expectancy is getting higher, but did you know that every single person on Earth is closer to death today than they were yesterday?

* YouTube comments.

* The government knows everything about me, including my PIN, my taste for online rap battles, and that when I'm in a rush I use Head & Shoulders as impromptu bodywash, despite the anatomical specificity of its name.

* Genetically modified strawberries are watery and flavourless.

Five arguments for and five against, so you can see why I haven't yet reached a conclusion. My gut feeling is that the world is better than it's ever been, but that climate change is a sizable wild card that could drastically increase violent weather, destroy the world's agriculture and sink entire cities. Darn kids.

ZOOM

Made of spur parts

Black Hawk is a scrap-iron sculpture of a life-size plow horse pulling a single bottom plow, made by 43-year-old artist John Lopez, based in Lemmon, S.D. JOHN LOPEZ/REX FEATURES

South Dakota

Artist turns metal into animals

The heavy beasts look like they're up for a scrap — scrap metal, that is. These sculptures are the work of artist John Lopez, who welds the pieces from abandoned farm machinery. Based in Lemmon, S.D., the 43-year-old has created full-size replicas of animals such as a horse, buffalo and even a triceratops dinosaur. MWN

Artist's viewpoint

"I moved to my uncle's ranch to make a family cemetery. But after finishing a perimeter fence I ran out of material and, being 35 miles from the nearest town, had to search for usable scrap iron on site. It led on to working with the metal as art material."

John Lopez, scrap-metal artist

Favorite weld-work

'The plow horse is a part of our past'

Out of all the critters welded, the scrap-iron plow horse named Black Hawk is Lopez's most prized creation. "The plow horse is a symbol worldwide that we all understand to be a part of our past and history. We depended on them so much before modern machinery was invented," the artist says. "I think Black Hawk is the one I am most proud of." MWN

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They're happy tears

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Listen. This is a crucial warning.

This video of Mr. G, a very sad and lonely goat being reunited with his best pal, Jellybean the burro, is a festival of tears. Not lock-yourself-indoors-with-Enya-songs-and-a-tub-of-ice-cream tears, mind you. More the redemptive kind.

So as long as you're OK with being a little tear-streaked — or at least misty — in public, then by all means, go right ahead.

One last warning: Mute the sound if you don't like terrible music. (AnimalPlace/YouTube)

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SCENE 2

‘I’m just trying to tell my own stories in my own way’

Danny Olliver. Singer-songwriter combines a sweet voice with an old soul on solo album Bad Omen Walking

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Don’t let Danny Olliver’s sweet voice and fresh face fool you.

The young guitarist and singer-songwriter from Regina is an old soul.

“I think a lot of folk musicians are kind of aligned with that,” says Olliver, 24. “Some of the best songs ever written, in my opinion, have been love songs and have been folk songs.”

Olliver (born Danny Goertz) has played in the indie band Fly Points and is now preparing to put out his debut solo album, Bad Omen Walking, on Friday, with a CD release show at the Exchange.

He said that the collection is full of relatable themes.

On Pack Up, Olliver describes two people going in different directions.

“I would love to turn you loose/But you think that there’s too much to lose,” he croons from the perspective of the one who wants the other to drop everything and hit the road.

By the time the fiddle lines kick in towards the end, the tune feels almost like a traditional expression of wanderlust.

Meanwhile, Olliver said the title track was co-written with producer Michael Bernard Fitzgerald and refers to the type of personality that “tries really hard but never quite does the right thing.”

The stripped-down approach to the recordings serves to highlight Olliver’s vocals and competent fingerpicking technique.

He said this choice was both stylistic and pragmatic, as he is heading out on an extensive tour to the east coast of Canada in the summer alongside fellow Regina musician Nick Faye.

“We wanted to keep it organic,” said Olliver. “I wanted to be able to recreate pretty much everything we did on the album.”

Despite the fact that the effect is clean and professional, Olliver said he never had any classical training.

Rather, he learned singing tips and tricks from his sister, who performed in competitive choir.

And Olliver has had an axe in hand since he was about eight. “My first guitar had three strings on it and I smacked away on that thing for a number of years before I got a real guitar,” he said.

Listening to fingerstyle artists such as Andy McKee and Don Ross eventually mixed with Olliver’s other folk and rock influences, which all comes through on Bad Omen Walking. “I’m just trying to tell my own stories in my own way,” he said.

Quoted

“I would love to turn you loose/But you think that there’s too much to lose.”

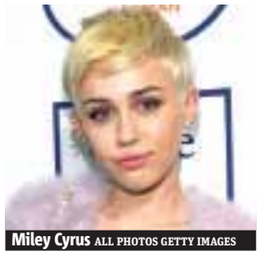
Lyrics from Pack Up by Danny Olliver, about two people going in different directions

Danny Olliver is celebrating the release of his debut solo album, Bad Omen Walking, on Friday, May 30 at the Exchange. COURTESY CHRISTINA STILLBORN OF MY BOOTS PHOTOGRAPHY

Charlize Theron

Charlize still loving the single life at 38 years old

Charlize Theron has never been married and she couldn't be happier about it. "I'm sure some people would be like, 'I would never want to have that life.' I'm sure there's a lot of aspects to my life that a lot of people wouldn't want. Like the fact that I'm single at 38. That's not necessarily what a lot of women want," she tells Esquire U.K. "But I'm just saying, a life is good if it's the life that you want. I am living my life in a way that if tomorrow it ended — and I hope not, because I have a kid — but if it did, this was the life that I really wanted to live. But I work at that, you know?"


Miley Cyrus ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Miley vetoes family reality show

Oh, how the tables have turned. While Miley Cyrus got her start in entertainment thanks to the guidance of dad Billy Ray Cyrus, it now looks like she's advising him on his career decisions. "Billy Ray has turned down what must be his sixth reality show offer in the last four years because Miley has been very strict with her parents about not doing them, even though they have been offered a fortune by all the big players, including Bravo, Lifetime and E!, to open up their home to cameras," a source tells Radar Online. Apparently the offers were getting lucrative enough to be very, very tempting, the source says. "But ultimately she was very thankful they came to an understanding that it would be a bad idea."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Uh oh! Video surfaces of 1D's Zayn and Louis smoking pot

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Ah, a squeaky clean pop group's first big scandal. Someone put this in the photo album: Video surfaced this week of One Direction stars Louis Tomlinson and Zayn Malik smoking a joint in a van.

The Daily Mail has the full video. Louis, who's also the cameraman, says that the group are on their way out of Peru. Marijuana is not particularly legal in Peru, although possession of under eight ounces is decriminalized, and Louis makes clear that he knows what they're doing is not exactly kosher. While filming their police motorcycle escort, Louis jokes, "He's having a look. He's thinking, 'I'm sure I can smell an illegal substance in there,' and he's hit the nail on the head."

Zayn, on the other hand, is a less chatty stoner. He doesn't say much, just smokes, and beams, and chants "Mary J. Blige" in falsetto.

So world, are we going to be shocked by this? I know it's illegal and all, but at this point it's barely illegal most places. I think I'd be more shocked if two teenish dudes weren't smoking pot than if they were. Plus, they just seem so very proud to be Big Boys Doing Drugs that it's a little hard to stay mad at their cute little faces. I imagine those same faces have gotten them out of every scrape they've ever been in. OK, now I'm getting mad again.

Charlie Sheen kicks Denise Richards out of her home

Denise Richards and her children are apparently on the hunt for new digs after ex-husband Charlie Sheen reportedly kicked them out of the house in which they'd been living and sold it to a friend, according to the National Enquirer. Sheen initially purchased the home for Richards, but his lawyers "have been working with Denise on vacating the premises," a source says. "Charlie has wanted Denise out of the gated community — where he also lives — for months, and his porn star fiancée, Brett Rossi, has been pushing for it, too." Sheen and Richards have been clashing lately over child support and how much time Sheen can spend with the children they share.

Denise Richards

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PLUS HOMES

Spring, how I love hue so

We've got you covered this season in the brightest and boldest the rainbow has to offer, as oranges and blues tie for first place as fashion's dominant tones for the warmer weather

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Orange is the new everything

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AVIVA CHANDELIER EARRINGS, $54, STELLADOT.COM

H&M SKIRT, $69.95, HM.COM/CA

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Orange you glad you've got the blues?

Want to combine this summer's two hottest hues in one sun-savvy item? Try these shades from the Etnia Barcelona Wild Love in Africa Collection. $299, etniabarcelona.com

The boys are back in tropicals

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BANANA REPUBLIC SHORTS, $74, BANANAREPUBLIC.CA

H&M SHORTS, $34.95, HM.COM/CA

Generation excellent

A very Coupland collection

Douglas Coupland and Roots have teamed up for a new capsule collection of clothes inspired by the author, artist and Canadian cultural icon. Released this week, the collection includes men's and women's tops, a scarf and a leather belt. Inspiration came from Coupland's visual work and coincides with his Vancouver Art Gallery exhibition Douglas Coupland: everywhere is anywhere and anything is everything. For more information on the collection, visit canada.roots.com.

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SLOGAN SHORT SLEEVE T-SHIRTS, $42 / POP HEAD

LONG SLEEVE T-SHIRT, $58

Trends Report

If you enjoy being out in the sun, then you better be educated about sun protection. You've probably used SPF creams and sprays, but there's a new product on the market. Go online to Trends Report to learn about a U.S. company that claims it is has invented the world's first drinkable sunscreen.

- **Online.** Follow Irene on Twitter at @MetroIreneK or Instagram: kuanirene; metronews.ca/voices/trends-report

Photo by Irene, Instagram

Cookbook of the Week

For barbecues, backyards and beaches

There is something about eating outside, so it's no surprise that al fresco dining is becoming popular. In Vegan al fresco, Carla Kelly prepares elegant vegan dishes for outdoor dining. The book includes prep and cooking times, advice on portability, and menu suggestions for special occasions. In sections such as Sandwiches and Spreads, On the Grill, and Ready Built Salads, it includes recipes for Samosa Spring Rolls, Macaroni Salad, Chickpea Sausages, Hazelnut Latte Cupcakes and more. METRO

Al fresco gets into a vegan state of mind

Grilled Eggplant Sandwiches. Try a filling that's just as satisfying at meat

"Simple yet full of wonderful texture and flavour, these sandwiches can be prepared ahead of time and taken with you if there are no cooking facilities at your picnic spot," writes Carla Kelly in her book Vegan al fresco. "However, if you can grill on location, bring the marinated eggplant in containers and put sandwiches together using eggplant strips hot off the grill."

Ingredients

- 1 medium eggplant, , about 1 lb (500 g)

Marinade

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) white wine
- 2 tbsp white balsamic vinegar or vegetable stock
- 2 tsp toasted cumin seeds
- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- 1/2 tsp dried tarragon
- 1/4 –1/2 tsp chili flakes
- salt and ground black pepper, to taste

Chive Butter

- 1/4 cup (60 ml) finely chopped fresh chives
- 2 tbsp finely chopped shallots
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) vegan margarine

To Assemble

- 4 long baguette-style rolls
- 2 fresh ripe tomatoes, sliced
- 2 cups baby spinach

1. In a large flat container with a resealable lid or in a large zip- close bag, combine all marinade ingredients.

2. Cut eggplant in half lengthwise, then into 16 1/4-inch (6-mm) wide strips. Place eggplant slices in bag with marinade and toss to coat. Marinate for at least 1 hour (longer is better). Turn after 30 minutes.

3. In a small bowl, combine chive butter ingredients. Cover and chill until required.

4. Preheat barbecue to high (or broiler, if using oven) and grill eggplant slices for 20 minutes, turning as required until both sides are golden and a little caramelized. While grilling, split rolls lengthwise and lightly toast if desired.

5. Spread rolls with chive butter. Place tomato slices, greens, and red onions on 1 side of each sandwich. Top each with 4 slices of grilled eggplant.

RECIPE FROM VEGAN AL FRESCO: HAPPY & HEALTHY RECIPES FOR PICNICS, BARBECUES & OUTDOOR DINING BY CARLA KELLY (ARSENAL PULP PRESS, 2014)

This recipe serves four. TRACEY KUSIEWICZ/FOODIE PHOTOGRAPHY.

Outdoor rugs more stylish than ever

The outdoor floor. Weave a summer spell with colourful runners and natural grass rugs

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An outdoor rug can offer more than just comfort underfoot. It can also lighten, brighten and freshen up a dull outdoor space. Fashioned after indoor styles, an outdoor rug can help make your adjoining outdoor space's decor reflect your indoor style — a great way to extend the feeling of your home during warm weather months.

Size: Choose a size of rug that helps to define a sitting area. As in choosing an area rug for the inside of your home, make sure the front legs of your patio furnishings sit on the rug. This will create the perimeter of your outdoor room no matter how large your outdoor space.

Juice up the patio with a shot of orange for the summer months. Miami Lattice Outdoor Rug, 5 x 8 ft., $69, UrbanBarn.com. ALL PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Shape: On a small or squared-shaped deck, consider using a round rug to add a soft line to the outdoor seating space. Consider runner-length carpets for long skinny balconies or a series of square rugs to help define various small areas on the balcony.

Colour: A fashionably coloured rug will help to add personality and create a focal point in a space without a view or other focus.

Neutral and less colourful rugs are perfect to tie a seating plan together without taking away from colourful furnishings.

Materials: Most outdoor rugs are made of synthetic fibres like olefin or polyester and plastic. There are also natural grass weave rugs. These are most suited for covered areas such as balconies or porches.

Although made for outdoors, never dismiss the idea of using an outdoor rug inside your home if you need a durable and affordable carpet. Children's rooms, arts and crafts areas and busy entryways are just a few areas that would fare well with an attractive yet durable carpet.

If planning a special dinner party outside, why not bring your inside rug out and use it for the night? Remembering to bring it inside at the end of the party is most likely the hardest part.

Floor 'em with groovy Union Jack design

Keep calm and confuse your house guests about where they are. Fun and bold Union Jack Outdoor Jockey Red 96 x 120 in. rug, $471, HomeDepot.ca.

Try the round carpet treatment

Add some curve to a boxy-looking patio. Courtyard 6 ft. 7 in. round rug, Natural Terra, $222, eCarpetGallery.com.

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Canadiens' Bourque reborn in playoffs

NHL playoffs. Montreal forward has 8 goals in playoffs after scoring only 9 in regular season

The Canadiens' Rene Bourque celebrates with teammate P.K. Subban after scoring his third goal of the game against the New York Rangers in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference final Tuesday. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

There was a running joke during the NHL regular season about how Rene Bourque would almost score, or almost complete a pass, or almost make a hit.

Not a lot went beyond the "almost" stage for Bourque as the former two-time 27-goal scorer with the Calgary Flames finished 13th in team scoring on the Montreal Canadiens with nine goals and seven assists in 63 games.

But in the playoffs, Bourque has arrived.

The left-winger's hat trick in Game 5 of the Eastern Conference final helped Montreal stave off elimination with a 7-4 victory over the Rangers and gave them new life heading into New York for another win-or-go-home matchup in Game 6 on Thursday night.

The Rangers lead the best-of-seven series 3-2 and must win at home to avoid a return to the hyper-energized Bell Centre for Game 7 on Saturday night.

"At the end of the regular season, we saw Rene engaged in the game a lot more, moving his feet, being physical, going hard to the net," coach Michel Therrien said Wednesday. "He's doing a lot of good things.

"You can't expect a player to score three goals every night or even score every game. But even when he doesn't score, he's playing solid hockey. He's getting involved physically. And last night, for me, it was leadership. It was a huge game for us. He came up big, and that's good not only for him, but for us."

Suspended

The Rangers will be without defenceman John Moore for at least the remainder of the series. He was suspended for two games Wednesday after receiving a match penalty Tuesday night for a hit to Montreal forward Dale Weise's head.

In 16 playoff games, Bourque has eight goals and three assists, and has become one of the team's most effective forwards in a duo that was put together near the end of the regular season with centre Lars Eller.

In the post-season, he's tied with Max Pacioretty for third in team scoring behind defenceman P.K. Subban with 14 points and Eller with 13. He leads the team in the Rangers series with four goals and two assists.

And he was tied for second in NHL playoff goals with Jonathan Toews and Jeff Carter, behind Los Angeles King Marian Gaborik, who had 10.

"It was definitely a good game for me to step up and help the team," the 32-year-old Bourque said after his first career playoff hat trick.

Bourque's regular season was so bad he was made a healthy scratch for the first time in his career for five games in March, amid reports the Canadiens were trying to trade him and a contact worth $3.3 million per year.

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French Open

Raonic, Bouchard get through Round 2 in Paris

Milos Raonic bounced back from a troublesome first match and Eugenie Bouchard overcame a worrying first set as Canada's top singles tennis players advanced to the third round of the French Open.

Bouchard managed a 2-6, 6-2, 6-1 come-from-behind win over German Julia Goerges on Wednesday, while eighth-seeded Raonic beat Czech Jiri Vesely 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-1 to reach the third round for a third consecutive year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Milos Raonic gets fired up during his second-round win at the French Open on Wednesday in Paris. MATTHIAS HANGST/GETTY IMAGES

L.A. Clippers

Sterlings may sell team before Donald booted

Shelly Sterling is reviewing bids from five groups interested in buying the Los Angeles Clippers, and a deal could be struck before next week's owners meeting, provided both she and her estranged husband Donald relinquish total ownership in the team.

A person with knowledge of the negotiations said the sale price could soar past $1.5 to $2 billion US, and possibly more.

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Bombers' Willy not deterred by strike talk

If a labour dispute does derail the start of the CFL season, new Winnipeg Blue Bombers quarterback Drew Willy says he's "100 per cent behind the players" and knows just what to do.

He was with the New York Jets in 2011 when the NFL locked out their players after they failed to agree on a new contract. Willy went un-drafted but was given a look by four NFL teams.

"If there was something to happen, I'd make sure we were getting the guys together in Winnipeg ... getting our work in, obviously not in the building but somewhere around Winnipeg," he said Wednesday as the Blue Bombers' rookie camp got under way.

That's what quarterback Mark Sanchez did with the Jets during the NFL lockout in 2011.

"Whoever's in the area, we'll make sure we get all the leaders, a lot of guys that are in the area."

Not that Willy, 27, is looking forward to running a makeshift camp as he prepares to take the field for the first time as a starting QB in the CFL, after spending two seasons as a backup in Saskatchewan.

"Being a first-time starter, I need all the reps I can get but also I understand it is a business and I back the players," he said.

Things still remained very much up in the air Wednesday as the clock ticked down and talks resumed. The collective bargaining agreement between the league and the players ends Thursday at 10 p.m. and a possible strike looms before the start of main camp Sunday.

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Bombers QB Drew Willy speaks to media at the opening of rookie camp at Investors Group Field in Winnipeg on Wednesday. DAVID LIPNOWSKI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you lose interest in what you are doing today it's a sign you are doing the wrong thing. A change of scene will help but in the long-term you may have to change your lifetime ambitions.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You need to show your vulnerable side. Too often you give the impression that nothing can bring you down when, in reality, you are as sensitive as everyone else.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may be a bit touchy over the next 24 hours. With your ruler Mercury moving into sensitive Cancer if there is anything worrying you it is sure to show up. Don't try to avoid it.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Social activities are under excellent stars today and the best way relax is to seek out people who think and act is similar ways to you. Looking for love? Find it with someone who shares your cultural interests.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Your confidence will get a boost today and you will be a lot more relaxed about your social and professional status. One door may have closed to you but within a matter of days, another door will open.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Money may be important to you but it must not be allowed to come ahead of more important things such as love and laughter. Don't think about what you own and earn, think about what motivates you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If there has been a dispute, now is the time to patch things up. That applies to all areas of your life but especially to business issues. There's always a solution.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your creative powers will be at their height over the next 24 hours, so make good use of them. Also, take your pleasures where you find them and don't listen to those who say you should be more cautious.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You may have tasks to complete but now is not the time to get busy on them. As Venus, planet of harmony, moves into the wellbeing area of your chart today your best course of action is to take life easy.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Something you found difficult before will come easier to you today. You may still have to struggle in other areas but the planets will generally give your spirits a lift and help you believe that most things are possible.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Sometimes you get so caught up in making a living that you forget there are people who love you so much they don't care what you achieve. One such person will delight you.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't worry that others might think less of you if you ease off. Worry only that if you don't take better care of yourself you might come to harm. The planets urge you to take things at a slower pace. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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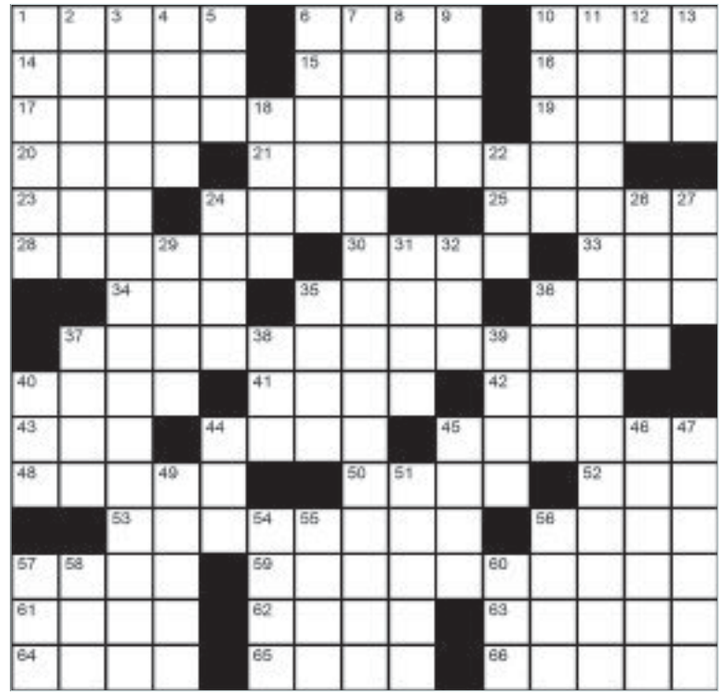
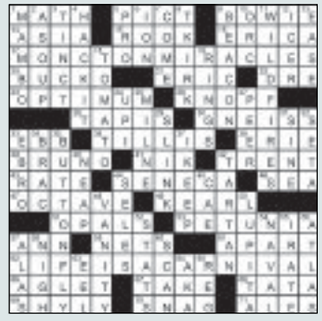


Across
1. Jubilant, poetry-style
6. Cole Porter's "Miss __ Regrets"
10. Lemony
14. Prepares potatoes
15. Stethoscope sound
16. Ms. Sanders
17. Canada's 'Big Five' gig: 2 wds.
19. Rob Roy, for one
20. Alberta town
21. Canadian cartoon series, "My __ Is Evil"
23. Bond
24. Manage
25. DQ's 'D'
28. Feels
30. Dry: Spanish
33. '_' __ in Victoria
34. Spoil
35. "The Simpsons" bus driver
36. Slammer
37. Toronto-born singer/songwriter who has rocked with Legendary Hearts: 2 wds.
40. Funny lady Imogene
41. God: Latin
42. "Unbelievable" hitmakers
43. "Entourage" superagent
44. Espionage: Mata __
45. Hurriedly depart again, say
48. Mountain chain
50. Dianetics guru, _. __ Hubbard
52. Poetic preposition
53. Prepped the sewing needle
56. "Top _' __ mornin' to you!"
57. Music's Ma
59. CTV series "Motive", for example: 2 wds.
61. "Lend me your __ and I'll sing..." - The Beatles
62. Knee, medical-style
63. Try to unearth: 2 wds.
64. Proofreading term
65. Slumps
66. Heavens

Down
1. Friary figures
2. Net minder
3. St. Lawrence, Newfoundland born journalist/writer: 2 wds.
4. Bugling beasts
5. 'Earn' ender (Sincere)
6. Low ship deck
7. First Canadian Place in Toronto is Canada's what?: 2 wds.
8. '50s series, "_ __ Three Lives"
9. Feudal worker
10. "Battle of the Blades" champ Ms. Bonhomme
11. Some of the National Film Board's treasures: 2 wds.
12. Copacabana city
13. "Ka-boom!" stuff
18. Me-me-me's
22. Testimony-giver's oath: 2 wds.
24. Particle physics lab near Geneva
26. Staircase support
27. Posh wallet's lettering
29. Hall & Oates' "__ Smile"
31. Quebec 'summers'
32. Scam
35. Terminer's court pal
36. Doorway part
37. Tropical island, when doubled
38. Ms. LeShan
39. Jukebox tune: "__ Angel"
40. Vehicle variety
44. Lady
45. Took the bus
46. Canadian actress who plays Detective Angie Flynn on the show at #59-Across, Kristin __
47. Dog training incentives
49. 1990 movie blockbuster
51. Romulus and __
54. Hosp. heart recordings
55. Locale
56. "I have no money __ _ _ on me." (Stolen-wallet-person's conundrum)
57. Uh-huh
58. Cereal grass
60. Ike's Presidential monogram

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

					5	2		
			3	8		4		
5	1	9				6		
3			4		8		5	
	6						8	
	7		9		2			1
		2				8	4	6
		7		3	6			
		8	2					

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	9	4	6	5	8	3	7	2
6	3	2	1	7	9	8	5	4
8	7	5	4	3	2	6	9	1
3	1	7	2	9	5	4	8	6
4	5	8	7	1	6	2	3	9
9	2	6	3	8	4	7	1	5
7	4	9	5	2	3	1	6	8
5	6	3	8	4	1	9	2	7
2	8	1	9	6	7	5	4	3

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